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SUBJECT: EC COMMISSION VIEWS ON PRODUCER/CONSUMER PREPCON

1. IN DISCUSSION ON MARCH 14 WITH UNDER SECRETARY ROBINSON AND PARTY, EC COMMISSIONERS SIMONET AND GUNDELACH INDICATED THAT THE COMMISSION IS UPGRADING PREPARATIONS FOR MEETINGS OF OIL PRODUCERS AND CONSUMERS. COMMISSIONER GUNDELACH SAID THAT AT DUBLIN THE HEADS OF GOVERNMENT HAD SUDDENLY REALIZED THAT THESE PREPARATIONS COULD NO LONGER BE CONFINED TO THE OFFICIAL LEVEL.
2. ACCORDING TO SIMONET, THE COMMISSION HAS INTERPRETED THE DUBLIN DECISION TO FORM AD HOC ENERGY GROUP TO MEAN THAT COMMUNITY IS GIVING HIGH LEVEL POLITICAL ATTENTION TO PREPARATIONS FOR PRODUCER/CONSUMER MEETINGS. IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION, SIMONET SAID THAT PREPARATIONS FOR APRIL 7 PREPCON WILL REQUIRE CONSIDERATION OF SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES, AS DOMAINS OF PROCEDURE AND SUBSTANCE WILL NECESSARILY INTERPENETRATE.
3. GUNDELACH INFORMED US THAT COMMISSION WAS ESTABLISHING A SPECIAL TASK FORCE TO PARALLEL THE AD HOC GROUP FORMED AT DUBLIN. GROUP WOULD BE AT HIGH LEVEL (POSSIBLY WITH A COMMISSIONER -
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LED TASK FORCE CHAIRED BY ORTOLI) AND WOULD REMAIN IN BEING THROUGHOUT PERIOD OF PRODUCER/CONSUMER TALKS. ASSUMING THAT PREPCON WOULD BE HELD AT HIGH OFFICIAL LEVEL, COMMISSION WOULD SEND TOP PERMANENT-LEVEL OFFICIALS (POSSIBLY UNDER THE COMMISSION'S SENIOR CIVIL SERVANT), TO PARTICIPATE IN EC REPRESENTATION AND MEETINGS, WITH AUTHORITY TO DISCUSS POLICY ISSUES. GREENWALD

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